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# "WAIT! ENDURE! HOLD OUT!"

## HERTLING URGES REICHSTAG

### Brain Not Right, Dr. Testifies

In Answer to 15,000-Word Question Put By Uterhart Expert Testifies Old Wound Affecting Mrs. De Saulles.

Mineola, L. I., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Bianca De Saulles was not mentally sound, did not know the nature or quality of the act and did not know that it was wrong, when she shot her former husband, John L. De Saulles, in his Long Island home, according to experts who testified today in her behalf.

This opinion was given in response to a 15,000 word hypothetical question put by attorneys for the defense. It, in brief, summed up the evidence given during the trial by witnesses for the defense. It stressed each occurrence and circumstance during Mrs. De Saulles' life that her attorneys maintained may have influenced her mind on the night of August 3—the time of the shooting.

To brain pressure resulting from a skull fracture suffered in childhood and to hypothyroidism, a disease of the thyroid gland which affects the brain and nerve centers, was ascribed Mrs. De Saulles' alleged lapse of accountability. It was during the "blank space" that the defendant claims she fired the revolver shots.

Because District Attorney Charles B. Weeks did not approve the framing of the hypothetical question put by Mrs. De Saulles' attorneys he served notice on Justice David F. Manning that he would request time to prepare one to his own liking which he will submit to the court.

In reference to the phrasing of the hypothetical question put today, it was pointed out that the New York state laws provide no person shall be convicted of a crime committed while the defendant was suffering from such a defective reason as not to know "the nature and quality of the act or as not to know that it was wrong."

Henry A. Uterhart, counsel for Mrs. De Saulles, announcing the completion of the hypothetical questions to be submitted on behalf of the defense, made known the phrasing of the beginning and concluding parts of the 15,000 word interrogation just before the opening of court today. It begins:

"Assume, doctor, that Bianca Ersarazis De Saulles was born near Santiago, Chile, April 23, 1894."

Continuing, it tells of the fall she suffered when a child, a fall in which she is said to have received severe injuries to her head; the three years she spent in an English convent; her meeting De Saulles on her return to Chile; their marriage; their marital difficulties; the automobile accident in Chile a few years ago in which Mrs. De Saulles alleges she received further injuries to her head; the divorce and finally a resume of the defense's version of the tragedy.

The question concludes in these words:

"Assuming of the foregoing facts and having in mind your personal examination of the defendant, in your opinion was the defendant mentally sound at the time of the shooting on August 3, 1917?"

"Assuming all the foregoing facts and having in mind your personal examination of the defendant, in your opinion did the defendant know the nature and quality of the act she was committing?"

"Assuming all the foregoing facts and having in mind your personal examination of the defendant, in your opinion did the defendant know that the act was wrong?"

Raymond B. Hamilton, the garage keeper who testified last week for the prosecution, was the first witness today. He said that he wanted to correct a couple of statements that he previously made from the stand re-

### U. S. SOLDIERS PLAY FOOTBALL ON FEAST DAY

With the American Army in France, Thursday, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Every American soldier in France spent a real American Thanksgiving today. He dined on turkey and all that goes with it until he could eat no more.

The feature of the day was a football game in which a team from the engineers defeated a team from the infantry. The game was watched by thousands of American troops and a thousand French soldiers who were home from the front on leave. The shouts from the respective rooters were heard far afield and toward the end of the game the French soldiers, getting the hang of it, became just as enthusiastic as the Americans.

Virtually all instruction work and drilling was suspended for the day.

### BRITISH PRAISE QUICK ACTION OF U. S. ENGINEERS

British Army Headquarters in France, Monday, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—American engineers, the first American troops to be engaged in military operations on the British front, took a prominent part in the breaking of the Hindenburg line by Gen. Byng last week.

Military necessity has made it impossible to speak of their presence before, but it is now possible to inform the people of the United States that engineers of the American army had a large part in pushing up the vital railroads behind the advancing British soldiers.

As a matter of fact the American engineers have been laboring on the roads through the devastated battle fields of the Somme district for nearly four months and two of their men who were wounded, were the first American casualties announced from Washington.

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### DUAL MONARCHY SEEKING PEACE WITH RUSSIA

(Late Bulletin)  
London, Nov. 30.—The government of Nikolai Lenin has fallen, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Chronicle dated Wednesday. It has been succeeded by a coalition cabinet of advanced socialists in which, however, the bolsheviks are represented.

Amsterdam, Nov. 30.—The Austro-Hungarian government, according to a dispatch from Vienna, has sent an official reply accepting the Russian government's wireless proposal to enter negotiations for an armistice and a general peace treaty.

The reply was sent yesterday and is as follows: "The guiding principles announced by the Russian government for negotiations for an armistice and a peace treaty, counter-proposals to which are awaited by the Russian government, are, in the opinion of the Austro-Hungarian government, a suitable basis for entering upon these negotiations. The Austro-Hungarian government therefore declares it is ready to enter upon negotiations as proposed by the Russian government regarding an immediate armistice and a general peace. (Signed) 'CZERNIN'."

"Foreign Minister." The Russian envoys sent to treat with the Germans, according to a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd, have telegraphed the Bolsheviki leaders that the Russo-German plenipotentiaries will meet Sunday noon at the crossing of the village of Kukurishky, between the opposing military lines. Thence

### RESTAURATEUR, CLAIMS \$15,000 VICTIM OF GAS, IS FOUND DEAD ST. WIDENING

In an effort to get warm, John Daskalopoulos, 28 years of age, part owner of the Quality Lunch, at 287 Middle street, drew a gas heater in his room at 25 Myrtle street nearer to himself, last night, and without realizing that he had disconnected the tube leading to an open flue, went to bed.

He was found dead, this morning, by his partner, who went to summon him at 6:30 o'clock when it occurred to him that Daskalopoulos was late in reporting for business. Finding the door locked and a strong odor of gas in the hall, the partner roused another man in the house, and the two found their way into the room, discovering the dead man's body lying partly on the bed and partly on the floor.

Dr. Edward Olsen, in the emergency hospital ambulance, arrived quickly in response to a hurry call, this morning, and the man had been dead for some time. The victim was unmarried.

### NEW YORK WOMAN IN POLICE TOILS AS SHOPLIFTER HIT BY FLYING WHEEL, WORKMAN CRITICALLY HURT

Shop-lifting is alleged against Julia Salonsky, aged 40, of New York city, following her arrest by Officer Weller, of the First precinct, in a five-and-ten-cent store, this morning. The woman is said to have been caught in the act of pilfering from counters, and when taken in custody was found in her possession a plush case and a pair of cuff links believed to have been stolen from some other establishment.

The police are on their guard against holiday thieves, every precaution being taken to prevent petty stealing in stores and from women shoppers.

London, Nov. 30.—British casualties reported during November totaled 120,089, divided as follows: Officers killed or died of wounds, 1,152; men, 24,292. Officers wounded or missing, 85,37; men, 91,108.

### Banks Help In Housing Conditions

Local Banker is Elected to Board of Trustees of New Corporation Which Will Attempt to Relieve Conditions.

Relief of housing conditions in Connecticut cities and towns affected by war industries is the principal object sought by a newly organized corporation of bankers, known as the Bankers Mortgage Co., Inc., now operating throughout the state from its offices in the Hartford-Aetna National Bank building, Hartford, in which local men are interested.

The concern will endeavor to accomplish its object by overcoming the difficulties due to the present money scarcity. Its aim will be to supply money or means of obtaining it, at all times to meet the urgent demands of mercantile and industrial growth.

Many cities have increased their population greatly, in the past few years, but are unable to hold the newcomers because they cannot provide good facilities. The result is that good labor is scarce, skilled workmen moving from place to place in order to find suitable homes.

Some of the most prominent bankers in the state are directors of the corporation, Albert W. Tremaine, treasurer of the American Bank & Trust Co., this city, being Bridgeport's representative on the board.

### LAVITSKY OR LAVIT? UNION MEN INQUIRE

That the present business agent of the Machinists union in this city, Samuel Lavit is none other than Samuel Lavitsky who about three years ago, after having been an inmate of the Fairfield county sanatorium for tuberculosis patients came to Bridgeport, started a business on State street, and within a month went into bankruptcy was established today by former fellow workmen.

It is alleged that the present Samuel Lavit, agitator and co-partner of J. W. W. agents, was then Samuel Lavitsky, and after appealing to the sympathies of the men working with him was secured admittance to the hospital from which he emerged some months later a well man.

Lavitsky, or Lavit, as the case may be, then went into the clothing business on State street and became a bankrupt. According to the records of the United States district court on the day set for hearing of his case Lavit, or Lavitsky, failed to appear. Further record shows that Lavitsky was never discharged from bankruptcy. The creditors were paid a 5 per cent dividend.

Lavit's whereabouts between the time he left Bridgeport three years ago and the time he showed up at Machinists' headquarters about two years ago is not known. Various rumors more or less ugly are afloat regarding his activities during the interim.

Just what is the legal status of Lavit at the present time is a strictly technical matter and in union circles none ventures a guess as to what action should be taken in the case. It is doubtful if the Machinists' union will again choose such a man without first making a thorough investigation.

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### SUCCESS FOR GERMAN ARMS IS NOW ASSURED, CHANCELLOR AFFIRMS—MINIMIZES SUCCESS OF LATEST DRIVES ON WEST FRONTS—ITALIANS FAST SUCCEUMING TO HUN PRESSURE—NATION RECEPTIVE TO RUSS PEACE.

Berlin, Nov. 29, via London, Nov. 30.—The war situation was reviewed before the reichstag today by Count George F. von Hertling, the new imperial German chancellor. He declared that Germany was ready to enter peace negotiations as soon as the Russian government sent representatives having full powers to Berlin. The chancellor said he hoped and wished that the present efforts would take definite shape and "bring us peace."

German arms, the chancellor said, have been uniformly successful, and the submarine warfare will reach the aim intended for it. He said that the tonnage of the ships sunk will exceed that of those newly constructed. He praised the army and navy and eulogized the home population for its patience and endurance under great privations. Political reforms would be carried out but the fundamental principles of the imperial constitution cannot and shall not be changed.

The reichstag was packed when the chancellor began his speech. The new state secretaries, the Prussian minister, the new Bavarian premier, the members of the reigning German houses, the Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian ambassadors and all the neutral ministers were present.

The imperial chancellor opened his speech, after personal references to his assumption of office, by asking the loyal co-operation of the reichstag. He continued:

"We are approaching the end of the year that has been full of far reaching and decisive events in many theaters of the war. I am proud and thankful to say that the arms of Germany and her allies have been successful on almost every occasion and everywhere."

He recalled that the Flanders battle had continued almost without interruption since July and that the British army was superior in numbers and that several French divisions had taken part in the fight. Notwithstanding the loss of some villages and farms the German front there remained unbroken and the enemy was as far as ever from his object of reaching the Flemish coast to destroy German U-boat bases. He added:

"Recognizing the failure of their attacks in Flanders, the British are now seeking near Cambrai a decisive result."

"The French also have had local successes northeast of Scissons and before Verdun, but every strategical exploitation of these has been prevented by the German army command. Every one remembers that there was in the east which led to the conquest of Riga and Jacobstad."

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### HUNS ATTACK BRITISH LINES AT CONNELIEU

British Army Headquarters in France, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans this morning made an attack on the British lines about Connelieu, which is just south of the area included in last week's British offensive.

No details of the progress of the enemy assault are available at this time.

Italian Army Headquarters in Italy, Thursday, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The lessening of the intensity of the enemy attacks along the northern front is regarded as forecasting the moving of activity to other points, either for massed attacks or in preparation of defensive positions capable of meeting the Italians, reinforced by the British and French, in a concerted advance. Aviators report that the enemy is feverishly active along the Tagliamento river where he is compelling the civilian population to assist in the construction of lines of defense trenches and works on the eastern bank of the river to which he probably would fall back in a well man.

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